

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1310

Introduced by Assembly Member Hernandez

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 857 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1310, as introduced, Hernandez. Healing arts: database.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Under existing law, there exists the Healthcare Workforce Development Division within the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) that supports health care accessibility through the promotion of a diverse and competent workforce and provides analysis of California's health care infrastructure. Under existing law, there is also the Health Care Workforce Clearinghouse, established by OSHPD, that serves as the central source for collection, analysis, and distribution of information on the health care workforce employment and educational data trends for the state.

This bill would require the department to add and label as "mandatory" specified fields on an application for initial licensure or a renewal form for applicants applying to specified healing arts boards. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the division and the clearinghouse, to select a database and to add some of the data collected in these applications and renewal forms to the database and to submit the data to the clearinghouse annually on or before January 1. The bill would require the clearinghouse to prepare a written report relating to

the data and to submit the report annually to the Legislature no later than March 1, commencing March 1, 2012.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 857 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 857. (a) The department shall add and label as “mandatory”
4 the following fields on an application for initial licensure or
5 renewal for a person applying to a board described in subdivision
6 (c):
7 (1) First name, middle name, and last name.
8 (2) Last four digits of social security number.
9 (3) Complete mailing address.
10 (4) Educational background and training, including, but not
11 limited to, degree, related school name and location, and year of
12 graduation, and, as applicable, the highest professional degree
13 obtained, related professional school name and location, and year
14 of graduation.
15 (5) Birth date and place of birth.
16 (6) Sex.
17 (7) Race and ethnicity.
18 (8) Location of high school.
19 (9) Mailing address of primary practice, if applicable.
20 (10) Number of hours per week spent at primary practice
21 location, if applicable.
22 (11) Description of primary practice setting, if applicable.
23 (12) Primary practice information, including, but not limited
24 to, primary specialty practice, practice location ZIP Code, and
25 county.
26 (13) Information regarding any additional practice, including,
27 but not limited to, a description of practice setting, practice location
28 ZIP Code, and county.
29 (b) The department, in consultation with the Healthcare
30 Workforce Development Division and the Health Care Workforce
31 Clearinghouse, shall select a database and shall add the data
32 specified in paragraphs (5) to (13) of subdivision (a), inclusive, to
33 that database.

1 (c) The following boards are subject to subdivision (a):

2 (1) The Acupuncture Board.

3 (2) The Dental Hygiene Committee of California.

4 (3) The Dental Board of California.

5 (4) The Medical Board of California.

6 (5) The Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine.

7 (6) The California Board of Occupational Therapy.

8 (7) The State Board of Optometry.

9 (8) The Osteopathic Medical Board of California.

10 (9) The California State Board of Pharmacy.

11 (10) The Physical Therapy Board of California.

12 (11) The Physician Assistant Committee, Medical Board of
13 California.

14 (12) The California Board of Podiatric Medicine.

15 (13) The Board of Psychology.

16 (14) The Board of Registered Nursing.

17 (15) The Respiratory Care Board of California.

18 (16) The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.

19 (17) The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric
20 Technicians of the State of California.

21 (d) (1) The department shall collect the specified data in the
22 database pursuant to subdivision (b) and shall submit that data to
23 Health Care Workforce Clearinghouse annually on or before
24 January 1.

25 (2) The Health Care Workforce Clearinghouse shall prepare a
26 written report containing the findings of this data and shall submit
27 the written report annually to the Legislature no later than March
28 1, commencing March 1, 2012.